

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims as follows:

*B2* <sup>sub (2)</sup> 1. (Twice Amended) A method of formatting an optical recording medium stored therein with location information of a supplementary spare area, the method comprising:

(a) resetting the stored location information of the supplementary spare area to a predetermined reset value in response to a formatting request; and

(b) formatting the optical recording medium in response to the formatting request.

*B3* <sup>sub (3)</sup> 3. (Twice Amended) A method of claim 1, wherein said resetting step (a) comprises converting the location information of the supplementary spare area to the predetermined reset value, thereby erasing any previously stored location information.

*B4* <sup>sub (4)</sup> 14. (Amended) A method of formatting a recording medium, the recording medium storing therein location information of a supplementary spare area, the method comprising:

receiving an instruction to format the recording medium;

B<sub>2</sub> resetting the location information stored on the recording medium to a predetermined reset value in response to the instruction; and  
transferring secondary defect information with a new PDL (primary defect list) to format the recording medium according to the instruction.

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B<sub>5</sub> sub 5 20. (Amended) A method of claim 14, wherein the resetting step includes the step of:  
converting the location information of the supplementary spare area to the predetermined reset value, thereby erasing any previously stored location information.

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